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Announcement.
FOR ASSEMBLY.
We are authorized to announce the name of J. H. WETZEL, of Bellefonte boro., as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. W. KEPLER, of Ferguson township, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of ROBERT M. FOSTER, of State College, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN CONLEY, of Potter township, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER.
We are authorized to announce the name of FREDERICK ROHN, of Liberty township, as a candidate for Jury Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

EDITORIAL.

DATE OF PRIMARIES.

At the last Democratic County Convention, June 1899, a resolution was passed for the purpose of changing the time for holding the annual county conventions to one week earlier than had been the custom. The purpose of this resolution was to avoid the conflict with the regular Commencement Exercises at Penna. State College, in which many of our leading citizens are interested. In order for this rule to become effective it must be ratified before two official assemblages of the party. That no mistake may occur in regard to the date of holding the primaries and the county convention, the chairman, J. K. Johnston, has decided to call a session of the county committee at Bellefonte, on Monday forenoon, April 23; it being the first week of court, there will be little trouble in having a good attendance. Committeemen who cannot attend this meeting should see to it that they have some one substituted for their district. Other matters of some importance will be submitted for consideration at the same time. Upon the ratification of the former resolution, the time for holding the primaries will take place this year one week earlier, on Saturday, June 2nd, and the county convention the following Tuesday.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AROUSED.

There is an alarming sentiment aroused over the entire country against the course of the administration in reference to the Porto Rico tariff. Leading Republican papers are severely censuring the president and his followers for the plighted faith in this matter. How far it will reach into the coming campaign is hard to say at this time, but it certainly has weakened the president's hold on the public mind. It has given strength to the common belief that he has no mind of his own and is subject to the demands of the trusts, who are expected to supply the principal munitions for conducting the next campaign.

QUAY'S CASE HOPELESS.

Senator Burrows drove a spike into Quay's political coffin, in the senate last week, in opposing the motion for granting him a seat on Governor Stone's endorsement. It was a masterly presentation of the reasons why the dignity of the senate, as well as the principles of representative government, should not be trampled under foot for the purpose of gaining a party advantage, or for personal reasons. It is thought that Burrows speech will thoroughly convince all, where there may have been the least doubt, as to the legality of the Governor's action.

A PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

John C. Miller, the ex-chairman of the recent republican convention, is seriously thinking of opening a primary department for instructing republicans in the science of parliamentary procedure or the art of running a successful anti-Quay convention. He would prefer to open up in the vicinity of Phillipsburg for the purpose of giving "Little Phil" an opportunity of attending and gathering a few points.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Democratic County Committee, will be held on Monday next, April 23rd, in the Arbitration room in the Court house, Bellefonte, Pa., at 11 o'clock a. m., for the transaction of some important business. In case committeemen cannot be present each should try and have a substitute, who may be coming to Bellefonte on that day to attend court, to represent the district.

ADMIRATION SOCIETY.

The Republican county convention of last week is over, yet it is the topic of conversation and the source of much amusing comment. To show the good feeling existing among fellow republicans we have made extracts from the Quay and Anti-Quay organs in this county to show how they size up that convention. There is an old saying that two witness from a dog fight cant agree in their testimony, it certainly is true of the republican editors in giving their account of the convention last week.

BELLEFONTE REPUBLICAN SAID:

"Not in many years, if ever, was a Centre County Republican convention so conspicuously, so lamentably deficient in those qualities which denote the presence of gentlemen in conference assembled as was that of Tuesday's. Embittered by the sting of defeat, angered by the success of a superior force and impelled to a display of rosydism peculiar to the usual delegation to county conventions from that section of the county they so brilliantly represented, the coterie of machine puppets from the hot bed of Quayism in Centre County plunged the convention into a state of disorder and pandemonium that not only forced an adjournment before the work of the convention had been completed, but brought discredit upon those who were in no wise associated with the intemperate faction whose conduct was a disgrace to the community and the citizens they represented."

STATE COLLEGE TIMES SAID:

"By the foregoing debauchery and disgraceful means the will of the people was thwarted and the insurgents elected, by the Convention, two delegates to the State Convention, on a vote of 44 1/2 to 37 1/2. The action of the insurgents in this County, who, with pharisaical hypocrisy, proclaim for purer politics, and decry the Quay machine, have been guilty of the most glowing debauchery and corruption in the conduct of the primaries and the Convention, and which should put to shame the worst phases of politics in the Five Points of New York City. It is a disgrace and a shame, to the politics of Centre county, and is sowing seed, that will bring a whirlwind of trouble to the actors and participator therein."

JERRY SIMPSON'S NEW CATECHISM.

Who was the author of the Declaration of Independence?
Answer—Thomas Jefferson.
Who destroyed that declaration?
William McKinley.
Who overcame the money power and destroyed the United States bank?
Andrew Jackson.
Who turned the United States treasury over to the national banks and gave one of them the use of \$10,000,000 without interest?
William McKinley.
Who destroyed slavery in the United States?
Abraham Lincoln.
Who re-established it by protecting it in our island domain?
William McKinley.
Who promulgated the Monroe doctrine?
James Monroe.
Who destroyed the Monroe doctrine?
William McKinley.
Who declared that the United States should have no entangling foreign alliances?
George Washington.
Who is trying to mix up the politics of the old world by a war for greed, gold and glory?
William McKinley.
Who discovered the Philippine islands?
A. Jeremiah Beveridge.
Who discovered Aguinaldo?
Admiral Dewey.
Who discovered the Sultan of Sulu?
William McKinley.
Who discovered McKinley?
Mark Hanna.
Who discovered Mark Hanna?
The devil.
What is the difference between King George's war against the American colonies and Queen Victoria's war against the Dutch in South Africa?
There isn't any.
What is the difference between Queen Victoria's war in South Africa and Mc. Kinley's war in the Philippines?
No difference.—Jerry Simpson's Bayonet.

LUXURY IN THE ARMY.

Congress is belatedly excited over the discovery that extravagance is rife in the quartermaster's department of the army. The new transport Summer, now on her way with reinforcements to the Philippine Islands—where we are assured daily the war is quite over—is found to have been finished in mahogany, provided with a service of plate at \$8,000, bath tubs at \$200 each and \$1,500 mirrors. She is equipped with costly and extravagant fittings of every sort and made into a sort of floating club house for the officers on their way to a place where there isn't any war. A hasty investigation stirred up by this discovery, has shown that each of the transports now in army service cost about \$1,000,000, much of which went in making them sumptuous. But this is only to be expected. If we are to be a military nation and go in for glory we must foot the bills. Senator Hanna has said the Republican platform this year would be two words, "Gold and Glory." The people will put up the gold and the politicians and gold-laced officers will spend it and get the glory. Imperialism comes high. It means a permanent office-holding class—high salaries; a big army, a bigger navy and a pension roll bigger than all; plenty of \$1,000,000 transports and \$1,500,000 battleships armored by the Carnegie-Frick trust (capital \$186,000,000). More congressional splutterings over a silver diuner set for officers who would eat off of tin if they were earning their own living wont effect the grand result.

Now a soldier in the Philippines has been saved by a plug of tobacco in his pocket, which stopped a bullet that would otherwise have gone through him. While this is not an argument against carrying Testaments, neither does it prove that the tobacco trust is a mild and benevolent institution.

NATURALLY the Philadelphia school-boys chose a New York messenger to carry their good wishes to Oom Paul. A Philadelphia boy would have whiskers before he got there.

DEWEY needs't be disappointed if time proves that he can't run any better than he did at Manila.

In the list of valuable products grown in Porto Rico, no mention has so far been made of campaign funds.

THE paper used in printing the Centre Democrat cost us now twice as much as last summer. Thanks to tariffs, and trusts—the creatures of the republican party. That is where our benefit comes in.

Why dont some representative republican announce his candidacy for the legislature from this county. Thus far not a head is in sight—but brother John Daley is awful anxious, but don't feel sure. He got sipped once before, and is more wary.

NEXT Wednesday the Republican State Convention will meet at Harrisburg and the Centre county politicians will there renew their fight. The Quay people will run that convention same as John Miller run the one at home, but things will be different.

TEN persons have been indicted in Kentucky for the shooting of Gov. Goebel and the republican Governor, W. S. Taylor, is named as one of the accessories. The question of who is the legal governor of Kentucky is now in the hands of the U. S. Supreme court for final disposition.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING GIFT.

Fit for a Princess It Was Given to a Girl Who Worked in a Mill.

A girl who for nine years has worked in a certain Norristown mill was recently married and, from the carding, spinning and weaving overseers, because she had worked so faithfully, she received a present as delicate and rare and beautiful as ever graced the nuptials of a princess, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. The men gave her three handkerchiefs, each of them so light that with a breath they could be blown to the ceiling, for they were woven of thistle-down. This stuff is common on the Norristown meadows and on the plant, or floating slowly through the air, it resembles a ball of cobweb brushed with powdered silver.

The gathering of it is a task, and it is romantic to think of the three overseers, corpulent and gray, scurrying in the young girl's honor over the green fields after the floating balls on pleasant Sunday mornings. But to card, spin and weave thistle-down—to wind it on bobbins and to make a warp of it—these were the real tasks, and there were months of failure and despair before they were achieved. Yet certainly the fabric is delicate enough to reward the men for all their trouble. A square yard of the beautiful, shimmering, silver-gray stuff could be crushed between the thumb and finger into a ball no bigger than a pea.

AMERICANS IN LONDON.

Statistics Says That They Spend \$10,000,000 Annually in the World's Metropolis.

Some London statistician announces that Americans spend in London more than \$10,000,000 every season, and he declares that the greater part of this comes from the Americans living there permanently or for some months at a time, and not from the transient visitors who stay for only a few days. The American entertainments are said to be looked upon now as a regular feature of the season and play an appreciable part in its brilliancy. Shopkeepers find that Americans are generally more liberal in their dealings than English people of the same wealth and position. The number of Americans residing permanently in London is now estimated at 20,000. There are nearly as many more during the average summer, although in years of expositions or special events this figure is much increased. A New Yorker who recently returned from London was impressed with the small number of his fellow-citizens who seemed to take up their residence there. The number of New Yorkers among the Americans who live permanently in London is said to be disproportionately small. The majority of these expatriated citizens of the United States are said to come from the middle west.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes and Comments, Political and Otherwise, on Matters of Public Interest.

By Andrew J. Palm.

That was a merited but almost cruel stab that Senator Foraker gave Mr. McKinley a few days ago on the floor of the senate. He was discussing some question when he was interrupted by some one's asking him what President McKinley's opinion was on the matter. Foraker's sense of the eternal fitness of things got the better of his political caution, and he replied that the questioner would better ask Mark Hanna.

Senator Depew likes to talk, and his sense of modesty is so strong as to prevent his talking a good deal about himself. In a recent interview he declared that he never got anything except by work. Almost in the same breath he tells with evident pride of receiving \$200,000 as a fee in a single case. The moral difference between getting money for nothing and getting a hundred dollars for a dollar's worth of work is very slight, yet Mr. Depew seems entirely satisfied with it.

Judging by the amount of abuse that Republican papers are bestowing upon Bourke Cochran, it is safe to assume that he is again in full harmony with his party. Like all men who have ability and a sense of honor he has no use for a trimmer like McKinley, who has no idea today as to what he will believe a month hence. Everybody despises a moral coward, and after all the flip flops of McKinley on the currency question, Puerto Rican question, civil service reform and criminal aggression all thinking men have come to the conclusion that he has no convictions on any subject that he has the courage to stand up for against the wishes of Mark Hanna.

The subsidy scheme which Mark Hanna and other millionaire members of congress will try to force through will compel the taxpayers of the United States to pay for plants to be used by these millionaires and their friends to carry on shipbuilding, a business that they declare is profitable. This ship subsidy scheme is not in the interest of the whole people, but is intended to put unearned public money into the pockets of a few individuals by granting them special privileges. It is on a par with the plan of levying tribute on the consumer to protect such infant industries as the Carnegie Steel company, which makes a clear profit of \$200,000 every day of the year.

It must be humiliating to the great jingo expansionist, Senator Beveridge, to learn that he has been instrumental in putting renewed determination into the hearts of the insurgents, and thereby prolonging Mr. McKinley's scheme of criminal aggression. It is said that his speech has been translated into Spanish and distributed among the insurgents to convince them that they are to be subjugated in order to hold the islands for commercial exploitation. Beveridge accused Senator Hoar and others of having encouraged the Filipinos by condemning McKinley's policy of "benevolent suffocation" as an outrage against a liberty loving people. Now Mr. Beveridge is open to the far worse charge of inciting the Filipinos to fight all the more ardently for their freedom by admitting the reason given by Senator Hoar as to the real motive for the subjugation of the islands.

In the canton of Berne, Switzerland, the man who refuses to pay certain taxes is punished by being prohibited from entering a restaurant. The government reasons that the man who has money to spend for coffee, beer and liquor ought to pay his debt to the state. A law in this country forbidding those who owe the butcher, baker, grocer, clothier or dry goods merchant from entering saloons or theaters would be a good thing both for the tradesmen and those who spend money for drink and amusement that ought to go for the necessities of life. Perhaps such a law would be declared unconstitutional on the ground of being a cruel punishment, for it would be denied the privilege of entering a saloon.

How lightly certain United States senators regard their oath of office and their duty to their constituents is well illustrated in the case of Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, who recently appeared before the supreme court of his state as attorney for the Standard Oil company. He receives a salary from the government and took a solemn oath that he would faithfully represent its interests, and yet he appears as the paid attorney of one of the worst enemies of the republic. His time as senator does not expire until 1901, and his place until that time is in the senate chamber instead of appearing against the attorney general of his own state under pay of a trust that does not hesitate to bribe courts to set aside laws passed to curb its power. A man possessed of any sense of propriety would have resented the offer of a retaining fee under such circumstances, but the average United States senator, being much more politician than statesman, is ready to turn his back on the proprieties whenever a chance to promote self interest presents itself.

Some of McKinley's warmest friends and the ablest men of his party are disgusted at his lack of courage. He changes front on important questions of government policy as easily and as frequently as he changes his coat. Insisting in his message that our plain duty is to give Puerto Rico free trade, he lacks the spinal column to insist on the performance of that duty, and fell in with the members of congress who were bribed into a deliberate attempt to violate the plain dictates of the constitution by the tobacco and sugar trusts. Editor Kohlsaat, owner of the Chicago Times-Herald, one of the leading papers of the country, severely criticizes McKinley's policy or lack of policy in dealing with the Puerto Rican question. Kohlsaat is a radical Republican, and one of the men who helped to pull McKinley out of the financial hole a few years ago; but Hanna is the man who holds the line attached to the bit in McKinley's mouth, and he drives him witherover he will. If Mr. McKinley thinks he can better afford to part company with the Kohlsaat than the Hanna he will discover his mistake later on.



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Feast of the Passover.

Pesach, or passover, one of the most important holidays in the Hebrew calendar began at sunset last Friday evening. The festival continues for eight days and commemorates the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage and their departure from the land of their slavery under the leadership of Moses. The word Pesach signifies the passing over by the Israelites when the first born of Egypt were destroyed.

Summer Normal.

Prof. H. D. Martin will open a summer normal at Pleasant Gap, on April 30th, to continue for a period of ten weeks. Mr. Martin is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college and comes fully prepared to teach higher as well as common branches. Special attention will be given to those preparing to teach. For further information address H. D. MARTIN, Mill Hall, Pa.

Epidemic Among the Horses.

There is an epidemic of distemper among the horses in Nittany Valley. Swelling in the neck and head are the first symptoms. The disease keeps the horses sick for several days.

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